

**DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND
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As an undersigned inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and country of citizenship are as stated directly below my name.

I believe (check one) I am the original, first and sole inventor
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of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

DISTRIBUTED BACK-UP SYSTEM AND ASSOCIATED METHOD

the specification of which

(check one) is attached hereto.
 was filed on _____,
as Application Serial No. _____,
and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I further declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Prior Foreign Application(s) <u>Number</u>	Country	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	Priority <u>Claimed</u> Yes No
None			

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Provisional Application Serial No.

None

Filing Date

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<u>Application Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u>
None		

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I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR § 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above entitled invention described in the specification filed March 30, 2000.

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